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Thomas E. Becker, et al.

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For: METHOD FOR ACCELERATING  
OIL WELL CONSTRUCTION AND  
PRODUCTION PROCESSES AND  
HEATING DEVICE THEREFOR

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The present paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application, having a shortened statutory period of response of three months, which expired on March 2, 2006. A petition requesting a one-month extension of time is being filed with the present paper. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee associated with the requested extension of time to Haynes and Boone, LLP's, Deposit Account No. 08-1394. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for the filing of the present document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such additional fees to Haynes and Boone, LLP's, Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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